

### **Warrant Article**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire land parcels, permanent and temporary easements, and/or other rights in land for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way in the general area of the former railroad right of way, formerly known as the Stoneham Branch Right of Way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements of the Tri-Community Bikeway/Greenway project along and in the area of said former railroad right of way running from the Woburn Town line to Dale Court at the far end of Recreation Park. Further that the Selectmen may acquire such rights in real property including these parcels, modification of these parcels, other required parcels, easements and/or other rights related thereto through any legal means, including purchase, gift and/or eminent domain. Further, to raise and appropriate; transfer from available funds, and/or borrow funds needed for such acquisitions and to defray any associated right of way or acquisition costs or expenses connected with this project.

Preliminary plans prepared by Fay Spofford & Thorndike LLC and titled TOWN OF STONEHAM - TRI COMMUNITY GREENWAY PARCEL SUMMARY - DRAFT - SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 showing parcels which will or may be subject of acquisition by the Town as referenced above are available for public inspection and copying at the Stoneham Town Clerk's office, Stoneham Town Hall, 35 Central Street, Stoneham, MA. These plans may be updated as changes to the proposed plans are made prior to the Town Meeting by Fay Spofford & Thorndike LLC. A summary listing of the proposed acquisitions will also be available for public inspection and copying at the Stoneham Town Clerk's office, and similarly updated. The preliminary plans and summary listing of parcels are provided for public information purposes and not as a limitation of the scope of authority set out in paragraph 1 of this article.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

Stoneham Bikeway/Greenway Committee